

PROTESTANT

Friends of Ireland Challenge the
Visiting Delegation From
Ulster.

Question of Ireland's Rights a Political and Not Religious
One.

Visiting Ulsterites Represent Party
That Polled Only Twenty-
three Per-Cent. Vote.

DE VALERA WELCOMES DEBATE

The invitation to join in a general discussion of the Irish question has been extended to the commission representing the Protestant churches of Ireland, recently arrived in America, by the Protestant Friends of Ireland, with headquarters at the Hotel Commodore. The discussion, if arranged, will take place in Carnegie Hall. The letter sent by the Protestant Friends of Ireland to the commission says:

"We hereby extend to you an invitation to be our guests at a public meeting in Carnegie Hall, where the entire question may be fairly presented. We are sure you will agree with us that it is highly desirable that this political question be not made a matter of bitter religious controversy. Your acceptance of this invitation will help assure the public that the time is past when a question of political self-determination can be made dependent on religious faith. You will of course understand that in the meeting we propose we desire opportunity to express our own point of view as well as to afford your representatives ample opportunity to present the message which has brought them to America."

President Eamon De Valera, of the Republic of Ireland, greeted the Ulster Unionist Council with a challenge to debate the Irish question before an American audience. The President put nine pointed interrogations to the visiting delegation and suggested that a wholly Protestant American commission be named to investigate and report on the truth of Erskine's cause. The President put nine pointed interrogations to the visiting delegation and suggested that a wholly Protestant American commission be named to investigate and report on the truth of Erskine's cause.

"Delighted as we are to express our feelings, this is one of the greatest things that could have happened for us. Now we will not have to do all our fighting at a 3,000-mile range. We will have the personal contact which will set us somewhere without loss of time. What we seek most is the ventilation of our cause. Truth is mighty and must prevail. All of us welcome the arrival of our opponents and we hope that an opportunity will be afforded to tarish out the whole subject. Whether my challenge will be accepted I have no means of knowing, but with all my heart I hope it will. I do not know any of the members of the delegation, not even the spokesman, Mr. William Cooté, for I am not a politician."

Frank P. Walsh, Chairman of the American Commission on Irish Independence, sent a letter to Mr. Cooté denying the latter's statement that the reports of British atrocities in Ireland were false, and adding: "This is to advise you, therefore, that any charges of falsehood imputed to Gov. Dunne or myself with respect to the acts of brutality mentioned in our report will be slanderous in their nature, and with this conviction we are uttering with express malice."

Chairman Walsh sent cablegrams to Vincent French, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and Ian Macpherson, Chief Secretary for Ireland, challenging them to sue him for libel on the basis of his report. Walsh wired that any court of jurisdiction in Dublin, London or New York would be satisfied to take his testimony. He promised that he would be represented personally or by counsel in any action.

President De Valera's statement said that the Ulster delegation represented a party that polled only 3 per cent. of the Irish electors at the latest election. He quoted Mr. Cooté as saying the visitors are here in the interest of law and order, truth and honesty, fair play and principles, adding:

"We, too, are here for some principles. Let the question be argued logically and calmly, without epithets that are abusive or assertions without foundation. If there is any difference of opinion between us as to facts, we can arrange a commission of investigation. It could be composed of two clergymen nominated by us and two by the Ulster Unionist delegation and a Chairman on whom we could mutually agree, all to be Americans and all Protestants. This commission could report to the American public with authority. Meanwhile we will let the delegation visit and let the question with us before the American public. We are ready to meet them anywhere on any common platform."

President De Valera quoted one member of the delegation as saying that two governments now exist in Ireland. One of them, he added, was that of the Republic, elected by the people; the other that of military autocracy. America must recognize one or the other, he continued, and the American people should decide which was right. The nine questions to which he asked answers from the Ulster delegation concerned the right of Britain to rule Ireland; the manner in which its rule has been maintained there; the right of the majority to decide on the

form of government; the similarity between Erskine's cause and that of America in 1776; whether Ireland today is not comparable to Belgium under the German army of occupation; and:

"Is it not a fact that Irish independence has had for its most distinguished leaders in the past century and a half Irishmen who were not of the Catholic faith—a conclusive evidence that the sectional division of Ireland is not on the basis of religious belief?"

CATHOLIC BOY SCOUTS.

Another troop of Boy Scouts was formed this week in Holy Cross parish, Broadway and Thirty-second street. The pastor, Rev. Celestine Brey, gave charge of the new troop, Eugene Bergeron, who has been sent out by the National Catholic War Council to organize Boy Scout troops in the Catholic parishes in this city. On Tuesday evening the troop was mustered, the boys from twelve years up receiving their badge and card and selecting the leading scout. The members of this congregation are very enthusiastic about the affair, remembering that "Once a scout, always a scout," and knowing the fine principles that are inculcated by the scout ideals and methods. A troop has also been established at St. Vincent de Paul's church, with Ben Moulter as troop master. Troops are also being organized at St. Augustine's and St. Brigid's.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

The pupils of St. Patrick's school will take part in a Christmas entertainment to be given in the school hall, Sixteenth and Market streets, tomorrow evening, and the programme will consist of recitations, chorus singing and an operetta. The latter is a Christmas play and among the characters taking part are such notable as Santa Claus, Jack Frost, Snow Flakes, Frost Sprites and similar characters. Very Rev. J. P. Cronan, V. G., the pastor, will deliver an address, and Rev. Father Martin, assistant pastor, who was an overseas chaplain, will tell of "Christmas, 1918, in France." Prof. Leo A. Schmitt will accompany the musical numbers.

PETITION TO POPE.

A petition to the Pope signed by more than 100,000 Catholics of New York City has been presented to Archbishop Hayes to be forwarded to Rome.

The presentation was made by W. Bourke Cockran, in the presence of several thousand persons, who crowded the hall of the church of St. Jean Baptiste, Seventy-sixth street and Lexington avenue. The petition asked that a degree of the Eucharistic heart of Jesus be conferred on the church. If the degree is conferred, the church will be the only one in the United States possessing such honor.

The Rev. J. Letellier, pastor of the church, in an address, asked Archbishop Hayes to do all in his power to have the petition granted. Father Letellier said he hoped the degree will be conferred as an act of thanksgiving for what the Lord has done for the men in the army and navy during the war. He said the petition had been signed by persons in every walk of life in the greater city.

Archbishop Hayes, in accepting the petition, said he would see that it is sent to Pope Benedict without delay. The chances of having the degree granted by the Pope, he said, were very favorable.

The Rev. Joseph H. McMahon said the petition was a perpetual shrine erected in this city, "the theater of the world's most perplexing problems and therefore a suitable site for perpetual worship."

If the degree is granted there will be a shrine in the edifice, where the blessed sacrament will be exposed day and night.

TURKEY DISPOSAL.

Trinity Council, Y. M. C. A., has secured a large number of turkeys which will be disposed of at the club house next Monday evening, and friends of the council are invited to come on that date and select their Christmas turkey. The Committee of Arrangements say that the possession of a big turkey will offset the high cost of living, especially during the holidays, and have arranged this turkey disposal to that end.



MME. JANE HERVEUX, French aviator, who is said to be the only woman holding a pilot's license in the French army now flying in this country.

HAVE HOPE

Social Blessings of the Christmas Spirit Over the Whole World.

Men Still Refuse to Walk Ways That Lead to Individual Happiness.

Why the Peace of Christ Does Not Yet Abide in Society.

THE LESSON OF ST. FRANCIS.

The face of the earth has not yet been renewed, the dawn of blessed peace has not yet broken over the whole world, the sons of men have not yet tasted the sweet fruits of the period of the universal brotherhood. Strife and angry quarrels, mutual distrust and envy still separate those who should be united in the bonds of gracious fellowship. But who will say that men do not long more earnestly today than ever before for the advent of that glorious era when hatred and social bitterness will be forgotten, and when out of the discontent and confusion of the times shall rise the city of peace and a league of nations dedicated to the welfare and elevation of mankind. And why is it that today, after so many abortive attempts to inaugurate that day of universal peace and harmony, after so many sanguinary wars, still have hopes of the promised period when men shall beat their swords into plowshares, and that they will consistently await the coming of the time

"When the war-drum throbs no longer

And the battle-dax is furled;

In the parliament of nations

The federation of the world?"

It is because nineteen centuries ago the "Star rose out of Juda" and because the Prince of Peace and the Expiator of Nations came to dwell among the children of men, that the great promise He held out to them of a new day of gladness and worldwide harmony has indeed not yet been realized. But it is not owing to the failure of the Prince of Peace to bring the gifts and blessings needed by men to rebuild their social order and to establish the era of Christian fellowship.

No, men themselves are to blame. They refused, and many still refuse, to walk the ways that lead to individual happiness and to social peace and progress. They preferred, and still prefer, to listen to the voice of angry passion, to pride and lust and avarice. The shepherds who were blessed with the vision of the glory of the first Christmas teach us how we may gain the priceless graces and privileges of the Nativity of the Lord Christ. They were men "of good will." They had cast out of their hearts envy and hatred and self-seeking. They were not promoters of social unrest and enemies of the established order. They labored for social peace by performing well the tasks that had fallen to them in the world's work. The reason then why the peace of Christ does not yet abide in society is that the components of that society—individual men and women, are not "of good will." They do not want to make those concessions which we must all make to tone down individual shortcomings and to eradicate selfishness, avarice and envy. The proud refusal of Lucifer, "I will not serve," has rung down the ages. And wherever that cry prevails there peace must be absent and the spirit of brotherhood and glad service can find no home.

It is not then that the message of the first Christmas, the message of great joy to all the world, has been lost to the men of our time. No, the Christmas message still brings healing and uplift to millions of bleeding, broken hearts. It still enters with genial warmth and sunshine into the palaces of the rich and the hovels of the poor. It still expands the soul of employer and wage-earner. Alas, that its uplifting appeal does not reach the hearts of all men! But we have already pointed to the reason why the joy in the Saviour, the joy which he alone could bring, is not found in many sections of the community. The fault lies in society itself. The vices which the Saviour had come to cast out of the social body still flourish; the virtues He came to teach are condemned. He came to cast out sin and evil desires from the hearts of men. But too many there are who make love with sin. He came to teach humility and charity and obedience. But men hearken to the demon of pride, are hard-hearted and are too conceited to obey.

The great saint and social reformer of the thirteenth century, St. Francis of Assisi, had to contend against these very evils. So he brought the men of his time—rich and poor, young and old, saint and sinner, to the "Crib of Bethlehem," and there preached to dukes and lords, to wealthy ladies and aristocrats, to fishermen and peasants, of the love of the Christ child for men. And then he said to the people: "The simple sermon was successful beyond expectation. Peace and harmony took up their abode in homes and cities where before had reigned hatred and rebellion."

In these days of social upheaval and revolution, of strikes and labor unrest, of class hatred and race riots, we need the spirit of the gentle Christ. We need once more to learn the meaning and the blessings of poverty. We must learn above all not to place our happiness in the possession of earthly goods which soon vanish. We must learn that there are nobler quests than the heaping up of great fortunes in mines and money, in acres and houses and farms. We must learn the duty of Christian helpfulness towards those in want. Pope Leo XIII. has briefly expressed this obligation in his Encyclical on "The Condition of the Working Classes."

He says: "Whoever has received from the Divine bounty a large share of temporal blessings, whether they be material and corporal, or gifts of the mind, has received them for the purpose of using them for the perfecting of his own nature, and at the same time that he may employ them, as the steward of God's Providence, for the benefit of others."

The value of the lessons of poverty and mutual helpfulness taught by the Infant Saviour are accounted by all thinking men as of the highest consequence in all real social progress. Prof. William James says of "poverty": "What one sees the spiritual reform which our time stands most in need of."

The Catholic people have then a splendid opportunity to spread abroad "the charity of Christ," and to work for social peace and progress by learning once again the practice of the "social virtues" from the Infant Saviour. Christmas still has the same sweet, uplifting message after these long years. And only when the spirit of the Christ child, the spirit of love, once more reigns in the hearts of men shall there come the great gladness to all the world.

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GENERAL MEETING.

Last Sunday morning the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society received holy communion in a body with their respective conferences at their own churches. In every one making an edifying showing. In the afternoon the general meeting was held in Bertrand Hall, and when called to order by President John Doyle the hall was filled with men whose quiet and unostentatious charity work brings relief and cheer to the unfortunate sick and poor of Louisville, without distinction as to creed, race or color. A summary of the annual report for the year ending September 30 was read by Secretary Thomas A. Bohan, and to many the amount of relief distributed was indeed a surprise. After the new members had been received into the society at large by President Doyle the Rev. B. A. Enis, O. P., was introduced and delivered an address commanding and encouraging the Vicentians in their work of looking after the spiritual and material welfare of God's unfortunate poor, a work that will be rewarded by blessings without number.

CENTENARY OF CATHEDRAL.

St. Patrick's Cathedral celebrated its centennial last week at Rochester. It is the oldest Catholic parish between Utica and Cleveland. The erection of the first church, in 1819, marked the beginning of Catholic life in Western New York.

REPUBLICANS

Convention Delegates Have No Voice in Naming Presidential Choice.

Colored Republicans Force Machine to Name Colored Men to Office.

Near Mayor and Administration Drop Mask of Lower Taxes and Economy.

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Well, at last the local "reform" administration has been forced from cover and now near Mayor Smith and his administration have dropped their mask of "economy and efficiency" and have come out in the open, no longer trying to fool the public. At the beginning of Smith's administration the taxpayers were camouflaged with a lower tax rate, the sinking fund being depleted to make up the difference, but necessity caused by extravagance and mismanagement has forced the boldest raise in assessments and THE HIGHEST TAX RATE in the history of the City of Louisville. Smith announces that he will jump the tax rate from \$1.82 to \$2.08, and will try to add to that a license tax later. Mr. Brumby, of the Board of Works, says that his board wants \$1,952,000 to spend this coming year, and as for street cleaning there are streets and alleys that are perfect strangers to a street cleaner. Many taxpayers would like to know how much money was wasted on joke vacuum cleaners, motor boat houses and similar useless purchases.

Mr. Selligman, of the Board of Safety, modestly asks for \$1,844,000 to spend, 35 per cent. more than last year, and said this budget had been cut to the bone.

Possibly Mr. Selligman was chosen to make this request instead of Chairman Paul Burlingame, because of the fact that the former could control his feelings. Neither Burlingame, as the latter might have laughed in Smith's face when he asked for nearly \$2,000,000, most of which was to be spent on a lot of ex-motormen and conductors masquerading as policemen. Neither of the above gentlemen or Chief Petty, of the Keystone cops, have volunteered to state that with prohibition here the police force could be cut about 100 men, or a saving alone of \$140,000 annually. Another saving would be to quit furnishing "flivvers" for the Keystone cops to smash up, three being put out of condition in three straight days this week, or a batting average of 1.000. What an awful gasoline bill the city must have to pay when you see the enormous number of police machines running about the town, and there is no reason why a little two by four Republican politician gets his gasoline at the expense of the taxpayers.

Speaking of the Board of Safety, here's a sample of that "efficiency" and "reward of merit" you hear the Herald talk about. In the past fifteen years those familiar with the local fire department rated Matt Heffernan, of the No. 2 company, and John Fitzgerald, of the No. 10 company, as the two best engineers in the fire department, and every Chief from Major Hughes to date has testified to their worth. The other day Heffernan and Fitzgerald were reduced to the ranks and the story was given out that they had failed in an examination of 100 questions propounded by Fire Chief Neuschwander. To show you what other day Heffernan and Fitzgerald were reduced to the ranks and the story was given out that they had failed in an examination of 100 questions propounded by Fire Chief Neuschwander. To show you what other day Heffernan and Fitzgerald were reduced to the ranks and the story was given out that they had failed in an examination of 100 questions propounded by Fire Chief Neuschwander.

It's downright amusing how the poor Louisville Herald is forced by the administration in an attempt to hypnotize and fool the public into believing that the Keystone cops are real policemen, and that this line is especially noticeable when the Herald is asked by some other person of fame or note some to town. The poor reporters are forced to call on the person of fame and inquire what do you think of the police force. Now, everyone knows that a stranger is a guest can not get away from saying that they are alright, or look alright anyway. The following day the Herald will come out in flaring headlines telling how the famous person said the Louisville police were all "hunky dory" or some such polite bull. Then Ches Searcy and Chief Petty's press agents get together and issue a book of "Facts" or some such campaign document saying that the famous visitor or visitors said Louisville had a wonderful police force. It's a great game, but tough on the poor reporter. Wonder what Gen. Pershing really thought of the awkward squad in their summer ice cream caps and uniforms.

The administration played right smart in one thing though. They failed to bring out for exhibition the famous rifle squad of overseas veterans, as they know that Gen. Pershing would be able to distinguish between real soldiers or overseas veterans and a bunch of ex-motormen and conductors. Pershing of the Keystone cops, this has been a real profitable week for the hold-up men and burglars, churches being robbed in broad daylight, well lighted stores on Fourth avenue being looted and citizens being knocked unconscious going to and from work. And you will notice in the long list of crimes there has not been a single arrest made by the Keystone cops. They are not able to even catch a cold. By all means, Smith, dispense with about 100 or more of these imitation police and save the taxpayers some money.



GEN. BYNG, one of the five most popular war heroes of Great Britain. He is the man who started the great movement which completely smashed the famous Hindenburg line.

K. OF C.

How a Missing American Soldier Was Found for His German Mother.

Her Christmas Made Happy When Overseas Director Larkin Cables News.

Hans Wedemann Happiest Platoon Sergeant Today in Camp Jackson.

ON DUTY AT CAMP JACKSON.

The happiest Platoon Sergeant in the Forty-eighth Infantry at Camp Jackson, S. C., today is Hans Wedemann. Two months ago the newspapers told the story of how the Knights of Columbus had been requested to find Sgt. Wedemann when his mother wrote a letter appealing to the "Casey" organization from her little home on the Elms Catterstrass, Hamburg, Germany. Mrs. Wedemann told how she had not heard from her boy, who was an American soldier stationed in the Canal Zone, for several years. Among the many thousands of persons attracted by the story was Miss Isabel Becker, of Cypress Hills, Brooklyn. Miss Becker, after reading the appeal, decided to try to find the missing soldier. She wrote to the "Casey" organization, and the story was given out that they had failed in an examination of 100 questions propounded by Fire Chief Neuschwander. To show you what other day Heffernan and Fitzgerald were reduced to the ranks and the story was given out that they had failed in an examination of 100 questions propounded by Fire Chief Neuschwander.

"I sure do appreciate the interest of the newspapers in assisting the Knights of Columbus to locate me," said Wedemann, who has been advanced from a private to Sergeant with the Forty-eighth Infantry. "Back in 1917 I was informed by one of my friends who lived in Sweden that my poor mother had died during the war. I had written her several times, but the mail always came back. It is going to be a happy Christmas for me and my mother. A few weeks ago a lady in Brooklyn (Miss Becker) wrote to me about the newspapers printing a letter from my mother and I immediately sent her word of my whereabouts. I have been in the army all during the war and I expect to be discharged on May 27, after seven years of service. What am I going to do? Well, I'm a happy I really don't know just now. I am going to speed across the ocean and get my mother and bring her to this wonderful country, where I feel she will always be contented. Did I want to go to Europe? Yes, I did. It was only a trick of fate which kept me in the States. You see I was among the fellows of the old regulars who had been kept on this side to train the fellows who went overseas and did the job in such a thorough fashion. Goodness, I'm so happy. How can I ever repay the Knights of Columbus for bringing my dear mother and myself together once more? And the lady in Brooklyn, I shall pray for her rest of my life."

After locating Sgt. Wedemann, William P. Larkin, Overseas Director of the Knights, sent the following cablegram from his office to Mrs. Wedemann: "I want to wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and inform you that Hans is now located with Company K, Forty-eighth Infantry, Camp Jackson, South Carolina, U. S. A. He is well and happy and is writing you a nice long letter today."

SODALITY RETREAT.

At the recent retreat of the Blessed Virgin Sodality in St. Cecilia's church forty-seven members were received, giving the society a membership of over 200. The retreat was conducted by Rev. Charles J. Maddox, C. S. R., of St. Louis, and the new members, seated in the front, were: Misses Agnes Batliner, Bertha Brehm, Agnes and Bernadette Bloemer, Angela and Xavier Brown, Nellie Barry, Mary and Lillian Buckley, Alice Cauty, Nellie Cronin, Louise Carrigan, Mary Cudahy, Hortense and Mary Deeg, Edna Dudley, Anna Dettlinger, Anna Delephant, Margaret Fahey, Rose French, Frances Gilooley, Anna Grimes, Helen Halpin, Anna Hough, Nellie Jordan, Barbara Krenn, Agnes Lynn, Isabelle Lambert, Margaret Lyons, Margaret Moran, Helen Murphy, Lela Maguire, Isabelle McDaniels, Angela Neal, Christina Osborne, Helen O'Neill, Viola Porter, Catherine Reuter, Rita Reckenwald, Virginia Sagesser, Loretto Silk, Margaret Seibert, Hilda Schwartzwalder, Elenora Vulpert, Catherine Walsh and Corinne Yates.

INCREASED FARES.

Many of the patrons of the local Street Car Company who are dissatisfied with the present service are of the opinion that, if it is shown the service is not up to the standard because of increased wages and cost of maintenance, relief could be extended by charging for transfers. The public at large do not want the repetition of the Toledo map, and is not disposed to punish the many stockholders if a fair solution can be reached.